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**IN THE
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Application No:	10/825,841	Group Art Unit:	1775
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Title: METHOD OF MAKING A TANTALUM LAYER AND APPARATUS USING A TANTALUM LAYER			

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.113

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed February 28, 2007 please reconsider the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.113 as follows:

Introductory comments begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

Introductory Comments

Claims 1-53 and 57-61 are pending in the application. Examiner has allowed claim 49. Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-10, 12, 15-17, 19, 29, 31-32 34, 37, 44, 50 and 57-61. Examiner has objected to claims 2, 11, 13-14, 18, 20-28, 30, 33, 35-36, 38-43, 45-48, and 51-53.

Applicant amends claim 58 and 60.